

DECISION



THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20548

FILE: B-207973

DATE: July 6, 1982

MATTER OF: Putnam Mills Corporation

DIGEST:

Protest concerning the small business size status of bidders is by law a matter for decision by the Small Business Administration and not for consideration by GAO.

Putnam Mills Corporation (Putnam) protests the award of contracts under invitations for bids (IFB) Nos. DLA100-82-B-0398, DLA100-82-B-0482, and DLA100-82-B-0583. All three solicitations are small business set-asides issued by the Defense Logistics Agency, Defense Personnel Support Center (DLA).

Putnam protests that one of the bidders in IFB's Nos. DLA100-82-B-0398 and DLA100-82-B-0482, Duro Finishing & Printing Corp. (Duro), is affiliated with other companies and for that reason is not a small business. Putnam likewise protests the award of a contract to H. Landau & Co. (Landau) under IFB No. DLA100-82-B-0583 on the grounds that Landau's source of supply is Duro. Putnam contends that this association invalidates Landau's qualification as a small business bidder.

Under 15 U.S.C. § 637(b)(6) (1976), the Small Business Administration has exclusive authority to determine matters of small business size status for procurement purposes. Therefore, our Office will not review questions of a bidder's small business size status. Doyle Shirt Manufacturing Corp., B-205959, January 11, 1982, 82-1 CPD 28.

The protest is dismissed.

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